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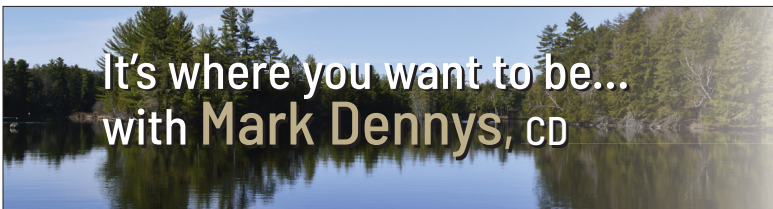
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## Frosty fun

Three-year-old Noah Elliot finishes his slide at the Stuart Baker Elementary School Winter Carnival on Thursday, March 7 at the Haliburton school. The event included tobogganing, an obstacle course, button making, hot chocolate, maple syrup taffy and hot dogs. More on page 4./DARREN LUM Staff

## Suspensions rising across school board

*Changes to reporting requirements combined with effort to make schools safer has contributed to increase*

JENN WATT

Editor

Many more suspensions and expulsions were handed out to students in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board in the period between September and January of this school year than during the same period last year, or the year before that.

The school board received updated numbers at its Feb. 26 meeting from Dave Golden, superintendent of learning, which showed 853 suspensions and expulsions during the five-month period, up from 744 in the same time frame in the previous school year, 2017-2018.

In 2016-2017, for the period from September to January, the number was 523.

There were three expulsions and five mediations out of the 853 occurrences, according to a board highlights document circulated after the meeting.

The increase can be attributed to changing practices in managing unacceptable student behaviour, Larry Hope, director of education told the *Echo*, as well as provincial regulations that require schools to

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## Highlands East heading for 3.56 per cent tax increase

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Highlands East council is looking to approve the 2019 draft budget, which includes a 3.56 per cent tax hike, an

increase of about \$16 per \$100,000 of residential property assessment, raising \$5,964,450 in taxation.

"This is an increase from previous years, however, we have a large capital budget this year," Shannon Hunter, Highlands East CAO and treasurer, told the

*Echo*. "Council is following through with their objectives identified at the beginning of the term."

Budget presentations were made by each department – building, fire, parks, recreation and facilities, roads and

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### Students recognized for artistic skill

Above, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Anabelle Craig reads students' artist statements at the Orillia Museum of Art and History. Anabelle is one of 11 HHSS students who travelled to the museum to attend young artists' Create and Curate conference on Feb. 20. HHSS students Jessica Byers, Becca Pacey, Charlie Hie, Drew Todd, April Kovacs, Makenna Robbins, Heather Colby with two works, Jocelyn Chumbley, Brooklyn Spence and Emma Mitchell are included in the youth exhibition, *My World, My Eyes, My Voice*, which continues until March 17. Funding for this was made possible through a TLDSB Program Enhancement grant.

Right, Grade 10 student Connie Oh stands with her piece, *Tribute to Michael*, which earned her two junior awards (open to Grade 9 and 10s) at the Kawartha Art Gallery's Student exhibition featuring works from HHSS, I.E. Weldon and Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute. Oh won the Interpretation of Personal Vision Award sponsored by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation District 15 worth \$50 and the Mayor's Award sponsored by City of Kawartha Lakes Mayor Andy Letham worth \$50. HHSS Grade 9 student Jocelyn Chumbley's *Blue Abyss* piece earned an honourable mention (open to any grade) sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion-Sir Sam Hughes Branch worth \$25./ Submitted by Karen Gervais



## Road work planned for 2019

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environment – and discussed at a special meeting of council held March 5.

Capital projects include the rehabilitation of Dyno Road at a cost of \$615,000, and the second phase of road-work at the Cardiff town site at a cost of \$544,207. Other major projects include a facilities review budgeted at \$50,000 and an organizational review which will cost \$28,000. In total, capital projects will cost \$1.9 million, compared to \$1.4 million in 2018.

Hunter identified the biggest increase is in the roads department. Besides Dyno Road and phase two of the Cardiff town site, work includes completing phase one of the Cardiff town site, the completion of Contau Lake Road, and guide rail projects on Ojibway and Sucie Roads, Deer Lake Road, and Tall Pine Road.

Cardiff pool requires some repairs costing \$50,000, and \$100,000 will help fund phase two of the Herlihey Park project. A new website will cost \$90,000, and accounting software expenses total \$100,000. The fire department is looking for an international tanker costing \$355,745, a new furnace and paving at the Monck Road fire hall at a cost of \$20,700 and 15 sets of bunker gear costing \$18,400 and imaging cameras totalling \$7,500. Reserves will be drawn on for some of the projects.

Additionally, the municipality will hire a septic inspector, a full-time bylaw enforcement officer and will increase hours for a part-time economic development coordinator.

"Each department has a large project, however, outside of roads, I would say a new website, organizational review, new accounting software and a facilities review is very ambitious," said Hunter.

"After doing a line by line review, council was satisfied with what was presented," she said of the 2019 draft budget review at the March 5 special meeting.

The draft budget comes to the March 12 council meeting for approval.

Mayor Dave Burton applauded the work of township staff in their efforts on working on the draft budget.

## Canadian National Pond Hockey goes to the movies

Haliburton's own Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships could be headed to the Toronto International Film Festival, as part of a documentary by Christopher Aylward, called *The Hockey Film*.

The documentary, in development for more than four years, is a full-feature film on the lives of real, everyday people who "eat, sleep, and breathe hockey."

The vision for this film comes from Christopher Aylward, an independent filmmaker, who happens to be a big hockey fan. The film tells the true stories of various individuals, players, families, team reps, league commissioners, and owners of various hockey events. From home here in Canada, to around the world in New Zealand, the film covers various hockey stories from people around the globe.

Aylward is hopeful the film is accepted into TIFF, upon its completion and subsequent submission to the premiere festival. Their film crew visited the Canadian National Pond Hockey event in both 2018 and 2019, to capture event footage and interviews of this unique and highly anticipated annual hockey event.

Owner of the Pond Hockey event, and general manager of Pinestone Resort, John Teljeur said about the film project: "We're so excited about being part of this project and to tell the story of what we do here in Haliburton. The footage we've seen looks spectacular."

A teaser of the documentary is now available at [www.thehockeyfilm.com](http://www.thehockeyfilm.com).

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# Smith listens to public's concerns at town hall meeting

JENN WATT

Editor

Ward 4 Councillor John Smith's first community town hall meeting ended up garnering plenty of attention on Thursday evening as dozens of people arrived at the West Guilford Community Centre to share their views and listen to what the new member of Dysart et al council had to say.

A sizeable contingent at the meeting seemed to be attending to voice their support for cultural institutions in the municipality.

During a budget meeting last month, Smith had questioned funding levels for several of them, including the Rails End Gallery, Haliburton Highlands Museum and A.J. LaRue Arena, and the practice of renting out properties such as the Canoe FM building. While Smith was outspoken about these items at the February budget meeting, his fellow councillors did not raise the same concerns, though there was conversation on how to find savings in various departments.

"Some of you have probably noticed that I ask a lot of questions and some would say you even stir things up a bit. To me, that's a good thing to happen to an organization," he said during a brief introduction to the evening.

He said if the community wanted to pursue big projects in the future, it would need to find ways to generate money.

"The only way we can ever move from where we are to having some of those things ... [is] either through a fantastically large tax increase or potentially stopping some of the things we do today," he said.

Before opening the meeting to the floor, he apologized ahead of time, pointing out that he was not speaking from a script and his comments would be spontaneous.

"And that might mean in the haste to respond to a comment tonight I may say something that on reflection an hour later, or two hours later, I'll say I probably could have phrased that a little better," he said.

The first question came from an audience member who asked how the municipality could increase taxes at a rate higher than inflation, since a large portion of the population is seniors living on a fixed income.

"The majority of people here [in the room] look like they're post 60, so of the income they're drawing in, does anybody in this room get a 5.72 per cent increase in their wages for 2019?" the audience member said, referencing the increase expected from Haliburton County. He asked how Dysart would deal with potential provincial cuts and whether reserves would need to be drained or properties sold.

Smith said the budget hadn't yet been set and spent time discussing where funding came from. Asked why Dysart was likely to see an increase higher than that of Algonquin Highlands, which approved a 1.56 tax rate increase, Smith noted Dysart's taxes are the lowest in the county.

"I understand, yes Algonquin Highlands has decided they'll get by with one-and-change in terms of their per cent increase, so certainly within the limits of inflation,



Dysart et al Ward 4 Councillor John Smith speaks at the town hall meeting he organized at the West Guilford Community Centre on Thursday, March 7. The meeting was well attended and included conversations about the importance of arts and cultural institutions as well as taxation levels, fireworks, and cottage rentals. Smith intends to hold two such meetings a year. /JENN WATT Staff

but it's also worth noting that today, Algonquin Highlands has a much higher tax rate than we do in Dysart," he said.

The next person to speak started the conversation about the arts, which was repeated by others throughout the evening.

"Part of the reason why I built my house in this town was because we had arts going on in the community. If the arts weren't here, I wouldn't be here," he said, to applause.

He said he'd skipped his choir practice to attend and give his opinion that more should be done for arts and culture.

"This place can be an awesome place for people to retire to. They don't take away jobs, they provide jobs. They're not coming looking to work, they're coming looking to play. And play includes music and art and all kinds of cultural things," he said.

Jim Blake, who was one of the audience members addressed by name, echoed those comments, saying he chose to locate in Haliburton because of the arts.

"It wasn't the roads or the landfill or the police station that kept me here," he said. "... I realized this little village had a year-round art gallery, it had a museum and a college and the best ski trails in the world. And that's why I chose to live here."

Blake argued that municipal taxes are actually low in comparison to other municipalities in the region.

"If my house was sitting in Bancroft I'd be paying two-and-a-half times as much taxes," he said.

Smith said he wanted to see investments brought in outside of property taxes to pay for arts and culture.

"To challenge why we're spending the money there that we do, doesn't mean I'm against the arts, doesn't

mean I want to close the museum," Smith said.

He listed the cost of the Rails End Gallery to Dysart et al. Someone from the back of the room called out to say that the gallery draws people to town, with events such as the arts and crafts festival.

"We can still do those things without being a continuous draw on taxes is all I'm saying," Smith said.

While many in the room said that they could handle an increase in taxes to ensure arts and cultural institutions were funded, Smith pointed out that not everyone can afford more taxes. Corporate and private donations could be used to ease the burden on taxpayers, he said.

Some members of the audience pointed out that the community already gives significant sums to various charities and organizations and that donor fatigue is a real issue.

Others said without municipal funding, many of the programs would no longer be offered and that having free or inexpensive programming allows residents of all incomes to participate. They also provide tourism opportunities, which helps to support that sector of the economy.

Attendees didn't only speak about arts and culture funding or taxes, however. One man said he wanted to talk about those who rent out their cottages to groups often uninterested in observing local norms.

While many renters are good, others will bring several families to stay in one cottage, "septic's overloaded, they light fireworks at three o'clock in the morning, the OPP that we pay \$2 million for aren't coming. The babies are crying. The dogs are barking," he said.

He asked for regulations to be imposed.

Another person asked about parking meters. She said in Huntsville they did away with their meters and saw an increase in business.

Smith told the audience that when he was campaigning for council over the summer, he knocked on about 1,700 doors and the most common issue he heard about was roads. Maintenance has fallen far behind where it should be, he said.

At the end of the meeting, Smith asked for a show of hands on who would be OK with a six per cent increase in their taxes (which is a possible outcome for Dysart et al) and said he could see about one-third of the room raise their hands. Asked who wanted the amount to be lower, another third raised their hands.

"I'm not philosophically a big believer in just saying it's up to the government," Smith said, adding the government sometimes spends money on things that some don't consider important.

Blake suggested that if corporate donations were needed, perhaps Smith and other councillors could help do that. He said they could work on finding funding for places like the museum.

"I'd actually think you'd be better off to get somebody that was more passionate about the museum. If we were building a community centre that I thought, that's something I'd get behind ... I'm not that big a fan of the museum, frankly," Smith said, then adding he shouldn't have said that.

Dysart et al is having its next budget meeting on Thursday, March 14.



## Foodland gives to Food for Kids

Volunteers with Food for Kids Haliburton County celebrated a \$2,000 donation from Haliburton Foodland on March 6 at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School just before their breakfast program got underway.

From left, Food for Kids coordinator Aaron Walker, steering committee member Kim Stamp, long-time volunteer Wanda Reynolds, Haliburton Foodland owner Brad Park, and Kendall and Grayson Park. The funding will run the program at JDHES for three months, Walker said.

Park donates each year to the student nutrition program, which he praised for providing healthy food accessible to all students, regardless of their family's financial need.

Reynolds, a volunteer since the program started, said it's all worth it when she sees "a smile on the little kids' faces when they say, 'Mrs. Reynolds, that was such a good breakfast.'" The program is in need of volunteers. Contact Aaron Walker at aaron.walker@snpce.ca if you're interested. /JENN WATT Staff

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Noelia Marziali, of the Haliburton County Public Library, helps students make buttons. / DARREN LUM Staff

## Winter carnival raises funds

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Stuart Baker Elementary School Winter Carnival brought families and loved ones of area students out to enjoy winter, as the annual by-donation event helped to raise \$2,519 for an outdoor classroom. The event, which included button making, an obstacle course, colouring ice bricks, a raffle, hot chocolate, hot dogs and maple syrup taffy, was

made possible by sponsors such as the Haliburton and District Lions Club, Haliburton Foodland, Tim Hortons, Pinestone Resort and Summit Food, Walkers Home Hardware, Needful Things, Medeba, Country Rose, Curry Chevrolet, Sir Sam's Ski and Ride, McCracken Family, Esson Maple, SBES families and staff for raffle basket donations. The event was supported by the Haliburton County Public Library, Municipality of Dysart et al, Haliburton Fire Department, the OPP, the Haliburton County EMS and the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association.



The sun begins to set as people gather outside Stuart Baker Elementary School for the carnival.

## County monitors online tourism conversations

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Staff Reporter

Haliburton County councillors reviewed a report dissecting more than 2.5 million online and social media conversations pertaining to tourism in the Haliburton Highlands during a Feb. 27 meeting.

The report, which included what is referred to as a tourism sentiment index, included the monitoring of 2.5 million conversations – social media posts, largely – from 500,000 different sources around the world between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

Conducted by agency Destination Think!, it uses a series of metrics to interpret how people are enjoying their experiences in the Haliburton Highlands.

"From here, I'll be working with stakeholders and also our own marketing plan to look at further opportunities to further engage with consumers and up our social media chattering game," tourism director Amanda Virtanen told councillors as she presented them with findings during the meeting.

In terms of overall performance, 45 per cent of conversations have been identified as destination promoters, "so people who came to the region and were really happy with their experiences," Virtanen said.

This was just shy of the 48 per cent median for conversations identified as destination promoters among a group of five comparative destinations in the region.

The Haliburton Highlands ranked high in paddle sports, skiing and snowboarding, wildlife viewing and camping.

"So of those online conversations, these are some areas people are having really great experiences around," Virtanen told councillors.

Overall for outdoor adventure, "the sentiment is a bit low around that, so it does tell me they could be having better experiences," she said.

Outdoor adventure, culinary arts and culture are the three pillars of the county's marketing strategy.

On food and culinary experience, the Highlands scored in line with its comparative regions.

"We're actually doing quite well in that area," Virtanen said.

"And then, in terms of under-performing assets, there are two things that may be a bit surprising, hiking and nightlife . . . nightlife maybe not so surprising," the tourism director said.

On hiking, "I asked a specific question about this, because we have the Hike Haliburton Festival," Virtanen told councillors.

The popular county-run hiking festival consists of a series of guided hikes that take place throughout the Haliburton Highlands during a weekend each fall.

"And so they said that conversation around that particular weekend and that one experience is very good," Virtanen said, explaining the goal was to work on creating more year-round buzz around hiking. The tourism department is creating a hiking section for the county's tourism website based on the results.

Dysart Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy said he thought the promotion of hiking could also be paired with assets such as the Algonquin Highlands Water Trails.

"That's all part of the same type of activity," Kennedy said. "I think that hiking maybe is too limited."

"Definitely," Virtanen said, explaining that the department is working on bringing assets like the water trails and the wild water preserve under that umbrella.

"We often think we're doing one thing, but feedback often tells us that maybe we're not on target there," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt. "I wonder about, in order to drive the conversation and change these numbers, any thoughts on sort of a . . . promoter package?"

Moffatt said that when social media campaigns first debut, for example, there is often excitement with people jumping on board, but how that excitement can dwindle over time, as people stop using certain hashtags, etc.

"The sentiment score is really about . . . them looking at experiences that they're offering and enhancing those," Virtanen said.

"This is monitoring the online conversations of our visitors, which we can't really control that much," she added.

Moffatt wondered how the county was to get stakeholders, especially those who may not be directly involved in the county's tourism stakeholder group, involved in the conversation.

"I think the biggest thing that they can do is start co-promoting each other and co-promoting other experiences," Virtanen said. "The more conversations that are happening about what's already happening in our area will help consumers talk more about what's going on in our region."

Also, while the feedback to dogsledding, snowmobiling and ATving experiences in the county were very positive, those conversations are not happening in great volumes.

"The folks who are on their ATVs or their snowmobiles are keeping it to themselves for the most part," Virtanen said. "So we need them to say more."

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# Board wants to raise expectations for students

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report all one- to three-day suspensions.

Hope said last year he visited secondary schools, speaking privately with groups of about a dozen students each time, to find out what they were thinking about the education system.

"Overall, the number one thing that I took from those discussions in our seven secondary schools was that we need to have higher expectations," he said.

"... I think what you're seeing with the numbers is really our school administrators and school staff responding to, first of all, a call for greater, higher expectations but also a call to action to say there are things happening that are unacceptable. And that would likely be why we've seen such a jump in particularly the one-day suspensions."

The statistics reflect elementary and secondary school students combined.

Of the 853 suspensions and expulsions, 265 were one-day suspensions and 142 were two days. There were 36 students who had two one-day suspensions and eight students had three one-day suspensions.

Hope said suspensions make a difference with some students, who learn from the experience, and they also ensure a safe environment for staff and other students at the school.

"Absolutely, it's about other students in some instances. Particularly when there's aggression toward staff, we simply can't have that going on. We just can't. And I've yet to find a parent who says we should accept that kind of behaviour," he said.

A plan of action is created for students who are sent home and conversations happen with parents about improving the situation, he said. Hope also listed various resources for parents including support videos, guests brought in to give workshops and lectures, Parents Reaching Out initiatives, and community partners who help in the schools.

Statistics are not provided by school or geographically to avoid revealing details about specific students, however, details are provided about reasons for suspensions/expulsions board-wide.

The most common reason for students to be suspended was "conduct injurious [to the] moral tone [of the school]," with 208 during the September to January time frame. The second most common reason was "conduct contrary to code of conduct," with 174.

Hope said schools need parents and guardians to help them when student behaviour becomes a problem.

"We're not working against moms and dads, we want to work with them," he said. "Sometimes you have to accept a bump in the [suspension] numbers like we're seeing right now before we can get at some of the heart of some of the difficulties."

He emphasized his respect for this group of students, praising their conscientious nature and high level of acceptance.

"We have many, many wonderful examples of this young generation of stu-

dents with a social conscience like we've never seen before, with a level of acceptance of their peers and others who are unlike them that we've never seen before.

And I think we should be fiercely proud of that," he said.

"... Really, the narrative of this story for us is, we can do better for a cohort of our

students who need us to help them be better, who need us to help them understand the rules and the expectations and the limitations, in some instances."



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## Facebook frustration

I'VE BECOME increasingly hesitant to post to Facebook as the level of vitriol on the social media platform seems, if not to be ramping up, to be continuing along unabated.

An online place that at one time was mostly populated by cute baby photos and clever status updates now appears to be just as much about the best way to publicly skewer another person with little thought to the long-term consequences of those comments.

Many years ago, our newspaper's website included a comments function. When a controversial story was posted, staff would need to monitor the space regularly, keeping an eye out for "trolls" who would come along and post hurtful, if not libelous, comments.

It became a soul-sucking part of the job.

We no longer have comments on our site, to my great delight.

However, in the meantime, Facebook has taken up that space.

I can seldom predict what story is going to garner inappropriate posts. And by inappropriate, I don't mean someone with a strongly worded critique of the story or content. I mean comments that target individuals, crafted in an intimidating tone.

Often when I read the comments on Facebook, and to a lesser extent other social media platforms, I recognize them as conversations I would have heard 10 years ago around a table at the doughnut shop. Still hurtful, still inaccurate, but ultimately affecting very few.

Today, Facebook is playing that role far too often. We post our first impressions, our angry rants, without enough regard to those on the receiving end. And those on the "receiv-

ing end" aren't just the targets of our frustration. When the comment string gets nasty, it can create a cloud of negativity, which at times is downright frightening to read.

Unfortunately, Facebook has become a key method of news delivery. We go there to find out about an accident we saw on the way home or to help find a missing dog. News outlets post important stories and community organizations advertise their upcoming events.

And there are still lots of baby photos and vacation updates to keep us smiling.

In fact, there's plenty of lovely stuff happening on Facebook. The *Echo* has written many times about how the community has used the platform to rally around those who need help.

I've personally benefited from kind words sent my way on personal posts or when bad things have happened in my life.

That said, we all need to be more conscientious about what we post and

maybe slower in our responses.

The internet is geared to speed. Posts come and go from your news feed, making it seem like the time is now to give your opinion or hit the angry reaction face to something you disagree with.

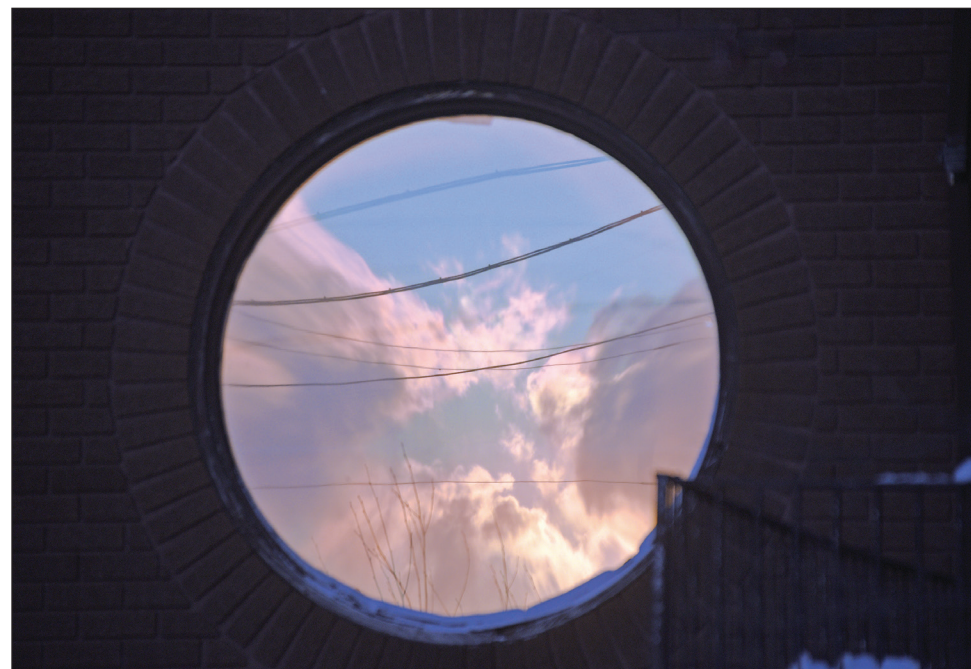
But we all need to take a step back and think about the person on the other side of the computer screen. Are our comments helpful and constructive, or are we instead wounding them for something that is not as serious as we're making it? Are our comments showing open, critical thought or are we making a space dangerous and prone to harassment?

We all need to do more to make our online spaces as safe as possible. Every comment matters.



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## Editorial



Sunset reflection

by Darren Lum

## Dreaming of spring

I REMEMBER SO vividly sitting on the back deck last summer, cool refreshment in hand, and thinking of what it would like in six months. I wished for the cooler weather as we do not have air conditioning. I just wanted a good night's sleep with all of the covers wrapped around my body and feeling all cozy. Be careful what you wish for. I can say with some certainty that I have been sitting in front of the fire, with a warm beverage in hand, wishing for the days on the back deck. Maybe my wishes of an early spring will come true. I know that many of you wish for the same thing.

However, there are many winter enthusiasts that are still planning more adventures! The ice fishing crew dream of catching the big one on a sunny winter morning. The snowmobilers dream of open trails until April. The people with a passion for skiing just want to get through a March Break of family fun on the slopes. And the goodness of these activities and more is the spinoff to our local economy. Just look at the sleds parked in Head Lake Park as they enjoy a meal in downtown Haliburton. And the folks enjoying ski chalets have to buy their groceries locally. And the bait and supplies and ice fishing all come from downtown Haliburton too.

It has been repeatedly shared in this column that our downtown has something for everyone. There really is every reason to shop locally and support your neighbours. Someone recently asked me how many member businesses make up down-

town Haliburton, to which I proudly replied that there more than 120 member businesses.

This time of year you may require assistance from our financial service businesses to ensure your taxes are submitted correctly. Or you may need to contact a lawyer to update your will or discuss a real estate transaction that was completed by our talented real estate agents located downtown. Or maybe before

purchasing you are interested in renting a cottage – so we have one of those agencies too. Or you purchased a cottage and need renovation supplies, furniture, appliances, bedding, etc that are all available downtown.

We have yoga studios, registered massage therapists, chiropractors, dentists, optometrists, and pharmacies. Then there are all of the social service agencies and educational facilities and support right in the core of your downtown.

So I hope you can see that we are way more than just retail. We are a vibrant group of business owners and operators that care deeply about the community and providing everything that you need to shop local. I invite you to email any questions you may have about your downtown to haliburtonbia@mail.com. I am happy to respond with service suggestions and information to help make your shopping more pleasurable.

Now back to the fire and a warm beverage and dreams of spring and being able to enjoy the back deck. Enjoy your day!

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# points of view

## Tough luck

**T**HE OTHER DAY I walked up to Jenn and said, "I'm making another pot of tea. Do you want more or have you had enough?"

Jenn, who was hanging off my every word as usual, looked up from her iPad and said, "Did you just ask me if I think you are tough?"

I hesitated, struck as manly a pose as you can while wearing an apron, and answered, "Why yes...yes, I did."

I think we all know, it's never easy for a man to broach the subject of toughness to the woman he loves. After all, most women don't want to be characterized as tough.

Yet, this time Jenn was referring to whether or not I was tough, so I felt overjoyed by the prospect of finding out how rugged and manly she thought I really was.

"Before you answer the question," I said, "let me just moisturize."

Just so you don't get the wrong idea, I said it quite gruffly.

As I was doing this, I began to think of where this conversation might go. For, as we all know, there is a wide spectrum that describes toughness.

On the low end, there is the kind that is required to eat kale. This is a special sort of toughness often attributed to Chuck Norris and men of his ilk. At the other end, there is the kind of toughness that is only used

to describe Tonka trucks, people who do not cry at the ending of movies like *Marley and Me*, and men who voluntarily ask for a second helping of kale.

I will admit that, in this day and age, the question of how tough you are is no longer as relevant as it once was, unless you have just been captured by cannibals – in which case it is really good to for them to know that you are as tough as a two dollar steak.

Even so, I was curious to see how tough she thought I actually was. Did Jenn think that I was tough enough to back her up in a bare-knuckle bar fight, for instance?

True, we have never got into one of these, but I think a woman wants to know one way or another – just in case.

I had an inkling she thought I was pretty tough because, one day last summer, she witnessed me standing up to a duo of marauding chipmunks who had the nerve to try to shake us down on our own back deck for some peanuts.

Things might have got physical too, but after realizing it was not worth it, I gave them more than half the bag – and fed them regularly for the remainder of summer, just so they'd feel guilty.

I think we can all agree, that takes a special kind of toughness.

Shortly after that memory crossed my mind, Jenn finally answered the question.

"Do I think you are tough?" she said idly, as she mulled it over.

"Well, do you?" I asked.

"Yes," she answered, "you are one of the toughest men I know."

I puffed out my chest with pride and then asked what we were having for dinner.

"I'm not sure yet," she responded. "I am trying to decide on a main course that goes well with kale."

For the record, I did not have a second helping.



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## Loon Tales



## pic of the past

**T**his photo of St. Peter's Anglican Church in Maple Lake was taken in 1914. Some of the people shown in the picture from left, Percy McPhail, Charlie McPhail, Grant Thompson, Fred McPhail, Fred Dawson, Wesly Baker, George Baker, Bill Cowan, Arthur McPhail, Tom Redner, Milton Dawson, Harry Sisson, Vera Cowan, Mack Sisson, Richard Dawson, William Taylor, Rev. Stringer, Lee Sisson, Wallace Dawson, Charlie Taylor. Front of church, Charolette Cooper, Mrs. Ives Boice, Della Archer, Phrona Sisson, Oscar Sisson, Berta Dawson, Mary Dawson, Sarah Watt. Front row, Wes Dawson, Lorne Dawson, Bill McBrien, Hector Taylor, Ivan Sisson, Sofia Sisson, Olive McPhail.

## letters to the editor

## Name that train

To the Editor,

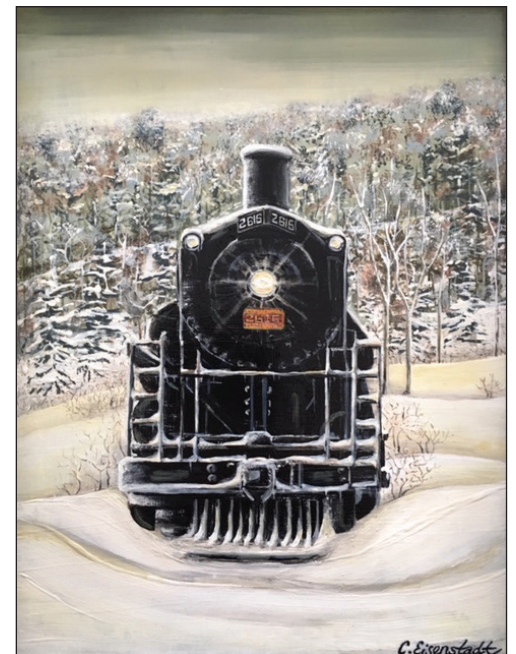
In celebration of the 100th year of the CNR I created a wintry scene with the Black Beauty that has graced your town since 1960. She was a work-horse and served the railway well in her time. I thought this would be a timely, fitting, tribute to the "Steam Queen" which she was fondly named.

This painting was done with acrylics. It has a bit of a combination of fantasy and realism, which is exactly what I love to incorporate into my work.

I thought it would be fun to have the town folks come up with a name, that would make it meaningful. Something short and sweet would be great. Eventually, once I make prints, I will be giving the lucky winner a framed print, which will include a small writeup about the history of 2616 and who was chosen to name that train!

The name will be chosen on April 1. So get your thinking cap on. You can send your suggestions to cindy Eisenstadt123@gmail.com or call the *Echo* office (705-457-1037).

Cindy Eisenstadt



More letters to the Editor on page 8

## BOONIEVILLE





# Thank you, thank you

To the Editor,

Who could ever have imagined the goodwill of 397 people at a free pancake supper resulting in \$3,301 in donations?!

With 47 volunteers of our St. George's Anglican Church community working tirelessly at the pancake supper, we all enjoyed a fabulous evening of friendship, delicious food and spirited musical entertainment.

Since 2011, Volunteer Dental Outreach has provided over \$2.7 million worth of free dental care to our less financially fortunate neighbours in Haliburton County.

Your support helps VDO change people's lives.

Betty Mills  
Volunteer Dental Outreach

## Good start for Activity Fair

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark  
448-2018

March Break at least began briefly with sunshine. The March winds blew in bringing snow then rain likely as clocks were officially being reset in the wee hours of Sunday morning. Anyway, happy holidays to those who are enjoying them.

To the brave 10 people who slept in their cars by the Lloyd Watson Centre last Friday, March 8, a big thank you for your efforts to raise awareness of the often hidden need for affordable housing in this county.

It was good to have representatives from the group Places for People take part at the Activity Fair here last Saturday. Fay Martin was one of the Minden group who had slept overnight in her car.

The Wilberforce "Fun-raising" Group was pleased with its first Activity Fair held at the Lloyd Watson Centre. It was a good

beginning held for four hours over the supper hours. Here were people who volunteer with their group welcoming others to join as volunteers or as an active member. They represented various interests such as the cats rescue program, a quilters' group, recreation areas such as the curling club, geocaching and figure skating, rides to nearby towns, the local Red Cross Outpost Museum, Places for People, the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair and the Community Cooks.

The cooks have grown out of a number of people who volunteer at the local food bank. They were there providing tasty chili with a cornmeal muffin free to all visitors – plus great coffee and tea.

A huge thank you to Northern Jam, a fine group of musicians who love to play and sing. They only took a brief break for some chili. They made the event very festive with their entertaining songs and instrumentals.

The Funraisers Group hope to see you in about a month on Easter Saturday for pancakes.



The pancake supper went over well with all ages at the Legion on Tuesday, March 5. Jordyn Brown, on left with headband, brought her little ones: Wells, Soyer, and Huxley, and shared a laugh with Stephanie Simon, right. /JENN WATT Staff

## Pancake supper a sweet treat for community

JENN WATT

Editor

A lineup formed along the wall of the Legion hall on Tuesday evening as the room filled with diners, hungry and ready for a plate of pancakes, sausage and fresh fruit. From the far corner, members of St. George's Choir sang "You Are My Sunshine," accompanied by Bill Gliddon on keyboard, as dozens of volunteers hurried around the room, picking up plates, clearing spaces and doling out bowls of ice cream.

Everyone seemed to be smiling, busy volunteers included, as they fed more than 390 guests who came in for the 80th annual St. George's Anglican Church Pancake Supper.

For the last several years, the church has decided to make the dinner a community fundraiser, choosing a charity to benefit from donations. This year, Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County was chosen and received about \$3,300.

VDO volunteers Lisa Kerr and Brigitte Gebauer staffed a table at the entrance of the room, handing out information to anyone looking to learn more. Since its founding in 2010, the charity has provided more than \$2.5 million in free dental assistance during 7,268 appointments to 850 Haliburton County residents.

Kerr said VDO was honoured to be chosen this year and didn't know they were up for consideration until they were contacted by Louise Sisson.

"It was a surprise. A lovely surprise," she said.



The Legion's kitchen was bustling with volunteers, who expertly assembled plates of pancakes, sausage and fruit on Tuesday, March 5. There were more than 390 guests who came through the Legion, served by 47 volunteers. From left, Shirley Gallagher, Jenny Rieger and Emma Miller. /JENN WATT Staff

## Green eggs perfect for St. Paddy's Day

With St. Patrick's Day less than a week away, why not try out this festive recipe provided by Laura Smith for avocado deviled eggs.

**INGREDIENTS**  
6 hard-boiled eggs  
2 ripe avocados  
1 Tbsp lime (or lemon) juice  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 Tbsp sour cream (can skip if you need dairy-free) or add hummus  
1 Tbsp chopped cilantro (plus several leaves for garnish)  
1 serrano or 1/2 jalapeno chili pepper, minced (include the seeds for more heat, leave them out for less)

1 Tbsp chopped chives or green onion  
For the meat or seafood lovers, you can add bacon, crab, shrimp, tuna or salmon



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# Former Red Hawks curler advances to nationals

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Minden's Alyssa Denyer is going to the Maritimes with her Laurentian University Voyageurs teammates to pursue a national university championship title with the support and inspiration of her hometown.

Denyer, a former Red Hawks curler, is proud to call Minden her hometown and to call the Haliburton and Minden curling clubs her home clubs. She learned how to curl with Minden, but both clubs have been supportive of her in her development and continue to be now, as she savours her silver medal earned at the OUA Curling Championships from Feb. 14 to 18 at the K-W Granite Club.

The second place finish earned her and her teammates Megan Smith, Kira Brunton and Mikaela Cheslock (and alternate Emma Johnson) a chance to represent Ontario at the upcoming 2019 U Sports/Curling Canada University Championships from March 15 to 19 in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The Voyageurs are one of three teams from Ontario, who will compete at the nationals.

To earn the national berth, Denyer's Voyageur rink had to earn their spot in the provincial final after finishing the round-robin with a 4-3 record and were the fourth seed out of pool B.

The Voyageurs obviously weren't at the top of the board, but they believed in their ability to improve. This belief manifested itself in a comeback win during the quarter-finals against the University of Toronto Blues, who had entered that game as the top seed of pool A with a record of 7-0.

The Blues were up 4-1 through the first five ends when Denyer's rink scored two in the sixth to narrow the deficit to one. Down 4-3, the Blues responded with two points in the seventh and took a 6-3 lead into the final end. It's reported that Voyageur skip, Kira Brunton scored three with a double-takeout to tie up the game and force extra ends. Laurentian University stole a single in the ninth end when the Blues (with three attempts) could not remove a stone on the button, which was buried by cover.

The Voyageurs hung on and won 7-6 to advance to the semi-finals.

In discussions with her coach, Ryan Lafraniere made them believe.

He told her team there is always a chance to win because of the team's resilience.

"Coming back is like never impossible. Especially we have ... our skip Kira Brunton is super, super clutch and she'll make any shot you ask her to," Denyer said.

After the 6-4 semi-final win over the Brock Badgers,



The Laurentian University women's curling team, who are coached by Ryan Lafraniere, from left, Emma Johnson, Mikaela Cheslock, Alyssa Denyer, Megan Smith and Kira Brunton won OUA Curling Championship silver to advance to the upcoming 2019 U Sports/Curling Canada University Championships from March 15 to 19 in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Denyer is a former Red Hawks curler, who learned how to curl at the Minden Curling Club. /Submitted by Alyssa Denyer

the Voyageurs found themselves in a similar situation during the final against the Queen's Gaels, whose skip, Mary Fay is a 2016 Youth Olympic gold medallist, a 2016 Canadian Junior Championship winner and 2016 Junior World Champion. They pushed the Gaels to the final end.

Down by three, the Voyageurs had three in the house and looked poised to narrow the gap or tie.

The team was down 4-1 to the Queen's Gaels at the fourth end break, Denyer and her teammates still believed.

However Voyageur skip Brunton was not able to score the necessary points to narrow the deficit when the rock she threw was affected by a pick, which is when a curling rock's trajectory is disrupted by debris on the ice.

Fay didn't need much to take advantage of the unusual turn of events, Denyer said.

"She just had to hit any rock and we lost so that's what happened there, but we couldn't be that upset. They were a super good team and super nice too," she said.

The Gaels closed out the game and won 6-4.

Laurentian University has had strong results recently.

Denyer said it feels good to know she is part of the continuing success for the Voyageurs, who won the provincial championship and a national championship last year. It had been 14 years since the women's curling team had won a provincial championships title and the last time the women had won a national title was in the 1990-1991 season.

At the start of the season, Denyer felt really good to just make the team, as it has a pool of really talented curlers to pick from.

To make the team, she submitted a resume and endured a "hotshot focus" session – points allocated to curlers based on shot making. She said the resume portion was interesting since her teammates who tried out for the team all won a gold medal at the age of 16 during the Canada Winter Games.

"I'm not that accomplished, but I'm a good curler," she said.

The strength of this team, she said, was how well they came together this year despite not playing together before (with the exception of Denyer and alternate Emma

Johnson).

"We knew that no matter [what]. From the start that we were going to get along," she said.

Denyer said with a new team there are always differences related to how things like a practice is run and the way each other interact with another. When it came to this team it didn't take much effort to iron out those details.

"It was as simple as a conversation," she said.

The team is still growing together and is improving, Denyer said.

The third-year sports psychology student is a few years away from playing in high school, but holds strongly to something her former high school and club coach Russ Duhaime used to do before games.

So following a pair of losses during the OUA championship round-robin play, she repeated the often used mantra by Duhaime: Don't you just love curling? The smell and the feel and the sound?

"He'd get all hyped up and try to get us hyped up. Sometimes I think about that and like, 'Wow, I really do love this and he's right. The smell, the feel and the sound. It all does just feel super good. That's a way of like perking myself up when I'm not as energized going into the game,'" she said.

She said usually she remains even-keeled during competition, but really needed to alter her attitude and the mantra did the trick.

Duhaime was Denyer's coach for club competitions and for the high school teams, which included an OFSAA berth and winning the GORE Provincials Championships.

Even with the nationals still coming up to play, she is proud of her achievements thus far this season.

She was proud of making the team and being part of a group of talented and skilled curlers, which were chosen from a field of very talented curlers who are from the area near the university.

It's an achievement to earn a university national berth, Denyer lists it as the best achievement of her curling career.

"This is definitely the most exciting ... I feel is most accomplished thing I've done," she said.



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### Golden performance for Hawks curlers

The Red Hawks boys' curling team of skip, Dustin McCready-DeBruin, vice, Jacob Dobson, second, Liam Little and newcomer lead Corin Gervais are advancing to OFSAA after winning the COSSA Championship title with a dominating performance in Stirling, Ontario on Monday, March 4. Just like in the Kawartha Championship, the Haliburton boys were undefeated, and finished COSSA 3-0 in the competition, which included a field of four teams competing in the round-robin format. The boys won the first game against Belleville by a score of 7-3. Belleville conceded in the eighth end when they ran out of rocks, making the Red Hawks victory inevitable. In game two against Kawartha rivals, Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School from Peterborough, TASS conceded after seven ends with a score of 9-2. In the final game, the Hawks were ahead 11-3 after six ends when opponents East Northumberland conceded. The Red Hawk boys savoured winning the COSSA championship a little more because three of the four team members were on the team last year, which fell just short of winning the championship by one point in the tie-breaker shootout. This year there was no need for a tie breaker, as the Red Hawks were the only undefeated team. The team is coached by Hugh Nichol, Russ Duhaime, and Darrell Dobson. The all-provincials, OFSAA will be held March 20-22 in North Bay, Ontario./Submitted by Darrell Dobson

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HHSS wrestler Aidan Coles (95 kilogram weight category) stands on the podium for the OFSAA Wrestling Championships, which was held from March 4 to 6 in Ottawa. There were more than 750 wrestlers competing at the all-provincial competition, including Coles and four other Hawks wrestlers. It is regarded as the largest wrestling tournament in North America, said Hawks coach Paul Klose./Submitted by Paul Klose

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# Coles repeats podium finish at OFSAA championships

PAUL KLOSE

*Special to the Echo*

The 2019 wrestling season wrapped up last week with five Red Hawks competing at the OFSAA Wrestling Championships.

The competition was held in Ottawa from March 4 – 6 and drew more than 750 wrestlers from across the province. It is the largest wrestling tournament in North America, and this year, the calibre of competition was excellent.

Charlotte Paton and Connie Oh represented the HHSS women's team in the 64 kilogram and 57.5 kilogram weight categories respectively. For both women, this was their first appearance at OFSAA. Paton and Oh wrestled extremely well and each ended the tournament with one win and two losses.

Austin Weller was entered in an extremely competitive 72 kilogram weight class. Weller narrowly lost his

second match, ending his OFSAA run. Teammate Nic Graham (89kilogram) wrestled extremely well, posting two wins and two losses, improving on his record from last year's OFSAA performance. Graham is excited to return to the event next year in his quest for the podium.

Senior wrestler Aidan Coles returned to the all-provincials for a second consecutive year. He did not disappoint with a fantastic result at OFSAA. He finished the tournament with four wins and two losses to finish in fifth in the province in the 95 kilogram weight division. Coles is the first male wrestler from HHSS to reach the OFSAA podium (top six) in two consecutive years and his coaches are extremely proud of his accomplishments throughout his high school wrestling career. The coaching staff from the University of Toronto wrestling team were actively recruiting Coles as a result of his performance.

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10. One shows highlights
12. Open sore
13. Within
14. \_\_ Caesar, comedian
16. Investment account
17. A negatively charged ion
19. Immoral act
20. Cheek
21. Lacking in vigor or vitality
25. Partner to flow
26. Ink
27. "Mad Men" actor
29. A taunt
30. Single
31. A very large body of water
32. A configuration of stars as seen from the earth
39. Herringlike fish
41. No (Scottish)

42. White-breasted N. American auk
43. American time
44. Adult female
45. Singer Horne
46. Pronouncements
48. From a distance
49. Indian term of respect
50. One from Utah
51. Never sleeps
52. Type of bulb

## CLUES DOWN

1. Hard to believe
2. Used as a pigment in painting
3. Induces vomiting
4. Fifth note of a major scale
5. Written in a majuscule script
6. Brews
8. Misfire
9. Amounts of time
11. The act of perceiving something visually
14. Female sibling

15. First  
18. Sodium  
19. Brother or sister  
20. Satisfy  
22. The lands of an estate  
23. Antiballistic missile  
24. Taxi  
27. Covers the engine  
28. Commentator Coulter  
29. Mousse  
31. Witness  
32. Unlikely to be forgot-

33. Bar bill  
34. Morning  
35. City south of Moscow  
36. Highly incensed  
37. Intricately decorated  
38. Drew closer to  
39. Beers  
40. Central China city  
44. Touch lightly  
47. Habitual twitching

Answers on page 19



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# COSSA silver caps Hawks hockey season

*Team displayed sportsmanship, humility and character following championship finals loss to St. Mary Thunder*

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Red Hawks boys' hockey team is proud of meeting their season goal following the COSSA Championship final 1-0 loss to the St. Mary Thunder a few weeks ago, said their head coach Jason Morissette.

"Their goal to start the year was to make it to COSSA. They achieved that goal. Last year we got to the semis in COSSA and lost. This year we got to the final and got silver ... so that's progress. It's really, really difficult to get to the COSSA finals in anything. Hockey is very difficult in that there are a lot of people that play hockey. It is Canada, right? Anywhere we go we're against good competition and our league was very tight," he said. "The success was they represented the school very, very well. Discipline wise. On the ice. Off the ice. The players were great to work with."

He appreciated the journey and the end result, which is only short of the all-provincials, the highest level for high school hockey.

There's nothing to feel bad about losing to a team of quality, he said.

“

*They achieved the goal they wanted. Yeah, they were disappointed they lost. The interesting thing is they did lose with a lot of humility*

— Jason Morissette

Getting scoring chances were a challenge because of the quality of play from the Thunder's goalie and defence, who protected the crease area from opportunistic Hawks players.

"Within the net area, they boxed out super well," he said. "One, we would have liked to have got more guys to the net, but also they did a very good job of limiting guys getting to the net. They were physical. Big and strong. Great skating. Very intelligent. Well coached. They're an excellent hockey team. We're an excellent hockey team. The final was a great game."

Morissette said the Hawks performance in the COSSA final was better than how they played in the Kawartha final, which ended with a 2-1 loss.

Although the team was prepared for the Thunder in terms of game-planning and mindset, the team noticed an absence on the back end when assistant captain and veteran defenceman Shawn Walker left the game in the first period with an injury. Walker was a regular on the special teams and could not be replaced. Morissette still credits what his remaining four defencemen were able to do without



The Red Hawks senior boys' hockey team came together for a group photo during the season, which recently ended with a silver medal following the COSSA Championship final. Although the team lost the final 1-0 to the Thunder of St. Mary, the team is proud of achieving their goal of getting to COSSA. /File photo

Walker.

Earlier in the day, the team earned its finals berth with a 2-0 win over Centre Hastings to improve on last year's performance.

Morissette, who finished his rookie coaching season, appreciated the work of his coach Clay Glecoff and his trainer Brett Caputo.

After 18 games, including the post-season, the Hawks boasted an exemplary defence with eight shutouts for a 1.06 goal against average. The team finished 12 wins, five losses and one tie.

Glecoff and Morissette credited the team's captain Owen Smith with having a positive influence on the team and how it factored greatly with the quality of character exhibited by the players on and off the ice. The team-first attitude by the players can be owed to Smith. There were many games during the season when the team exhibited great discipline, staying out of the penalty box – an unusual occurrence in high school hockey.

Glecoff pointed out the players looked up to Smith for what he achieved in hockey, whether as an OHL draft pick or his experience with AAA hockey outside of the county, and for how he carried himself as a person. The team volunteered with the Heat Bank - Haliburton County one day early in the season and then collected donations at every home game, which will be officially donated in the next few weeks.

Glecoff wondered aloud about who will step up and be the next captain to take over from Smith, who is unlikely to return.

Morissette said the team wanted to win the final, but were mature about the loss and really showed their character and sportsmanship.

"They came together as a team. They achieved the goal they wanted. Yeah, they were disappointed they lost. The interesting thing is they did lose with a lot of humility. They didn't throw their sticks. They didn't pout. They were upset, [but] they didn't go foul [their opponents] or act as an unhumble bunch. They knew that team over there was a really good hockey team and they accepted that. Everything was out of the tank ... that's all you can ask. I was proud about that," he said.



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## NOTICE INTENTION TO PASS AN AMENDING BY-LAW TO REMOVE THE HOLDING SYMBOL FROM BY-LAW 2016-87 (Lands of Vuksic - Wallings Way)

TAKE NOTICE THAT that Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has received an application from Michael and Clara Vuksic (Wallings Way) to pass an amending by-law to remove the holding provision from By-law 2016-87. Council will consider this request and if deemed appropriate, pass an amending by-law to remove the said holding symbol at the Council meeting scheduled for:

Tuesday, March 26th, 2019.

LOCATION: By-law 2016-87, applies to lands in Part Lot 14, Concession 8, in the geographic Township of Dysart, in the Municipality of Dysart et al. The subject lands are located at 75 Wallings Way Road.

EFFECT: Removal of the Holding provision means the conditions of Section 3 (c) of By-law 2016 - 87 have been met and the provisions of the R3-14 Zone now apply. By-law 2016-87 permits the development of medium density dwellings and a home office. All zone provisions applicable to the R3 Zone apply, except as follows:

Lot Area, minimum:	0.4 hectares
Lot Frontage, minimum:	42.5 metres
Water Setback:	30 metres
Dwelling units per lot, maximum:	21
Lot line setback, interior side, minimum main building:	7.5 metres
Dwelling unit area, minimum:	135 sq. metres
Structure height, maximum:	18 metres
Planting strip:	as shown on the site plan
Planting strip, width, minimum:	3 metres
Parking space requirement, minimum:	1.45 spaces/dwelling unit
Parking space setback from street line, minimum	0.9 metres
Parking space dimensions, minimum	
Inside the building:	6 metres x 2.75 metres
Outside the building:	6 metres x 3 metres
Accessible parking space:	6 metres x 4.5 metres

All other provisions of By-law 2016-87 as applicable to the R3 Zone shall apply.

A key map of the subject lands is attached to this notice.

Further information, including a copy of By-law 2016-87 is available from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Offices during regular office hours (8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday to Friday).

DATED: at the Municipality of Dysart et al this 7th day of March, 2019.

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## Hawk Lake Bridge Improvements Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study Notice of Study Completion

### Background

The County of Haliburton has completed an environmental assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act to determine the preferred method of improvement to address structural condition, roadway safety and hydraulic capacity at the Hawk Lake Bridge on Little Hawk Lake Road in Algonquin Highlands. The preferred solution is to replace the superstructure with a single-span sympathetic truss. The sympathetic truss will mitigate the heritage impact, and the truss will be raised to improve hydraulic capacity at this location. The study area is shown on the map provided on the reverse of this notice.

### Study Process

This study was carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act for a Schedule B project. The findings of the Class EA process have been documented in the Project File Report.

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public and stakeholder groups that as of Monday March 18, 2019, the complete Project File Report is available for review at the County of Haliburton office (11 Newcastle St., Minden), the Township of Algonquin Highlands office (1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands) and available for download on the County website. Interested persons are encouraged to review the report and provide written comments to the County within the 30-day review period, Monday March 18, 2019 to Thursday April 18, 2019, directed to the project contacts below:

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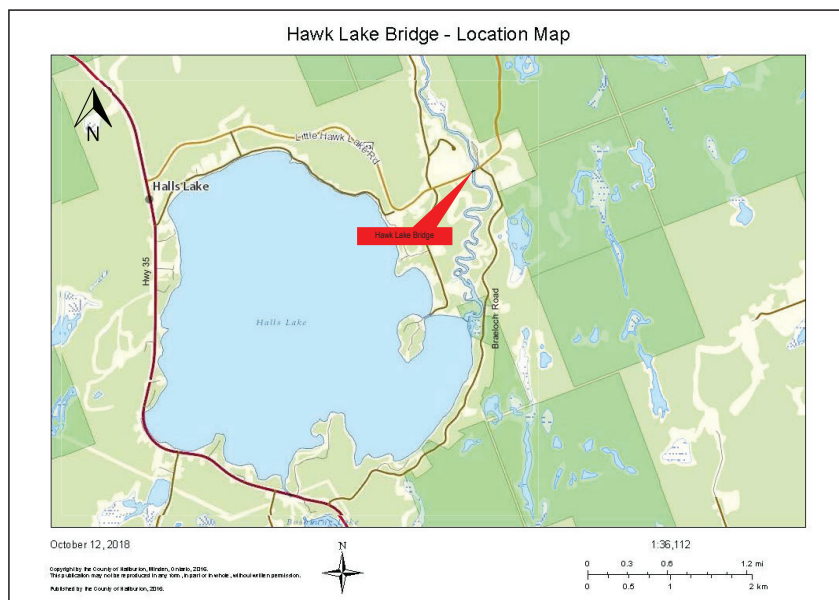
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If concerns arise regarding this project which cannot be resolved in discussion with the County, you may request that the Minister of the Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual environmental assessments. A Part II Order Request Form must be used to request a Part II Order. The Part II Order Request form is available online on the Forms Repository Website (<http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca>) by searching "Part II Order" or "012-2206E" (the form number). Requests are to be submitted to the Minister, and copied to the County, before the end of the review period. If there is not a request received by April 18, 2019, the project may proceed based on the identified preferred solution.

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### Eyes on the prize

Red Hawks hopeful Daniel Rivard lunges for the shuttlecock during badminton tryouts on Thursday, March 7 in Haliburton. Rivard, who was on the team last year, was one of more than 20 junior and senior student athletes looking to make the team in their respective categories. /DARREN LUM Staff

# Hawks win with return

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There was more value to the Red Hawks girls' hockey return season than winning and losing, said their captain Senna Marra.

After close to four years without a girls' hockey team, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School returned to competitive play this past year being the best ambassadors for the game and for the area.

Captain Marra is an experienced player, having started playing hockey at 10 and ringette at close to five. The return for the team was also a return for Marra, who hadn't played competitively for two years since she was in the Oshawa area playing for rep teams.

She said there wasn't necessarily on-ice success for the Hawks this season, but there was something more important than wins and losses.

"Everyone was just having fun all the time. That's really what I feel sports are about. It's about having fun. Not so much the winning. It's fun to win. But, honestly, just developing relationships with people who you normally wouldn't have. I made many friendships, which is important to me. I enjoy having friendships that are made in a different way. I'm bonding with people over sports and athletics ... rather than in a classroom environment," she said.

The Hawks hockey team competed in two tournaments outside of Haliburton County, the Bowmanville Winter Classic

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## UPCOMING Community Events

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### Meet the Dietitian

When: Thursday, March 14, 10 a.m. to noon  
Where: Haliburton EarlyON Child and Family Centre (at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, 1020 Grass Lake Rd.)  
Join the Health Unit's Registered Dietitian to discuss feeding your infant, toddler and preschooler. Learn about healthy snacks for the whole family.  
For more details, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1233.

### St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance Fundraiser

When: Saturday, March 16, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Dinner at 6 p.m.  
Where: Haliburton Legion  
Haliburton Legions Ladies Auxiliary hosts a dinner featuring Highland Trio. Dinner includes corn beef, cabbage, vegetables, dessert, tea/coffee. Tickets \$20 per person and can be obtained from any auxiliary member. Food, music, silent auction, cash bar. Proceeds going to improve accessibility at the Legion.

### Reptile Road Show

When: Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m. start time until noon (arrive before 10 a.m. for registration)  
Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery  
The knowledgeable folks from Scales Nature Park will bring their highly acclaimed outreach program to Haliburton once again, with a selection of interesting snakes and

turtles for us to see, touch, and learn about. Tickets must be purchased before the event either online or in person at our office at 739 Mountain St. Haliburton. Pre-purchased tickets required. [www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca](http://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca) or 705-457-3700 for tickets. Cost: General admission: \$15 per adult, \$10 per child, family pass (up to two adults and two children) \$35

### St. Patrick's Beef Stew & Biscuit Dinner

When: Saturday, March 16/19, 5 to 7 p.m.  
Where: Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle Street, Minden  
Cost: \$15.00 per person, \$10.00 children (6-12 yrs.) Pre schoolers (under 5 yrs - no charge) \$30.00 per family  
Advance tickets available at Pharmasave, or by calling: 705-457-1424  
Tickets also available at the door

### Meet the Dietitian

When: Tuesday, March 19, 10 a.m. to noon  
Where: Minden EarlyON Child and Family Centre (at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, 12 Vintage Cres.)  
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For more details, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1233.



# Legacy of girls' Hawks hockey will be foundation for its future

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in Oshawa and York Canlan Tournament at York University in the Toronto area.

The return for girls' hockey was due to strong interest by students and support from the community and the school, said team manager Alexis David.

"We started the team up this year because of a large interest! We decided for this year we will be a tournament team, with hopes of building the program. We have played in two tournaments and have just been having fun, and getting used to playing together. As of right now we do not have any other games this year, but we are trying to organize a home exhibition game. Next year we are hoping to join a league," she wrote in an email.

She said there were "generous donors in our community," which enabled the team to start. Being a tournament team, the Hawks could operate with a smaller budget made possible because of volunteer drivers for the tournaments.

David said there is a plan to have a team again, but scheduling and costs will need to be examined.

The team attracted 20 hopefuls to tryouts, but ended up with a final roster of 16 players, including Marra and assistant captain, Jaylin Frost.

The team was coached by HHSS teacher Courtney Cook, who said this was a memorable year for everyone involved.

"My favourite memory was being stuck at the Canlan Tournament at York University due to inclement weather. Many teams were unable to make it to their games and other teams simply went home. This freed up some ice time and the girls enjoyed a game of shinny with the girls from Gravenhurst High School. It was really touching to see the two teams get on so well with one another," she said.

Cook is a rookie coach for the school, but has coached the Huntsville High School's girls' hockey team and currently plays in the Muskoka Women's Hockey League in Baysville.

She also agreed with David and said this season was possible because of hard work and dedication by parents, community sponsors and coaches.

The last time the team iced a girls' hockey team was in 2015 when the team earned an all-provincial berth with a COSSA silver medal.

Cook said she and David chose Marra as the team's captain because she displayed all the ideal qualities a captain should have.

"She attended every practice, and went out and gave it her all every time she was on the ice. In addition, she was always eager to try new plays and and willing to take her coaches' advice to improve her game. Off ice, she is an academically strong student, who takes leadership roles within the school and community," she said.

Being named captain was an honour for Marra. She said it is an opportunity to give back and mentor just as other captains she's had, who fostered a love for sport.

"I just always want to be that captain I once had to other girls as well," she said. "I just have always gained an appreciation for coaches. It's great what they're doing for us. Captains as well. They're just another set of leaders. I appreciate them so I always try and live up to that standard."

She started to skate at three, and then played hockey for rep and house league teams in the Oshawa area. Her older sister played hockey and her younger brother played for a time as well. Hockey was a family affair, she said.

Marra, who fast-tracked her last high school courses necessary to graduate and finished school recently, wants the team to continue next year.

The prevailing team characteristic was its positive nature, she said.

"We all had a very positive outlook on how each game went. Even though we did lose every single game we continued and played the next with even more enthusiasm and excitement and went out and tried to win the next game. That's what we would always do," she said.

She adds the loss didn't change their attitude. Instead the team used the loss to learn and improve for the next one.

"That will help us move on," she said.

She said having a school hockey team enriched the school experience for some girls, who wouldn't have otherwise been able to compete for the Hawks.

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Part of Lot 12, Concession 15, designated as Road Allowance on Crown Land survey attached to GL1807, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on the enclosed Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Greg Bishop Surveying and Consulting Ltd., dated September 25, 2018,

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Part of the original Shore Road Allowance in Front of Lot 10, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 3 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Greg Bishop, O.L.S., dated July 12, 2018.

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# Another successful year for Highland Lassie

MARY HILLABY

Special to the Echo

The 44th annual Highland Lassie Bonspiel held on Saturday, March 2 was another successful event held at the Haliburton Curling Club. This year, nine out of town teams from Port Perry, York, St. George's, Lindsay, Stroud and London Highland were greeted by seven local teams. The committee comprised of Sue Mason, Mary Hillaby, Jackie Bradbury, Wendy Hewson, Ferne Taylor, Jan Ashall, Rachel O'Neill, Laila Morse, Alison Curtis, Teresa Keefer, Carol Krieger, Marilyn Mackenzie, Linda Boore, Jane Jaycock and Janet Boyne organized a fantastic and eventful day.

The overall 2019 Highland Lassie winner was a team from Haliburton/Port Perry. Lynn Childs, from Haliburton was the skip and along with Jane Johnston, they included Lynn's daughter, Carolyn Childs and Kristy Wuorisalo from the Port Perry Curling Club. A team from St. George's skipped by Debbie Dickenson scored first place honours in their draw. Roberta Lauzon from Stroud finished second along with Mary Auld from Lindsay. Settling in third place was a Haliburton team skipped by Wanda Stephen, Alexis David, Ginny Carmichael, and Nancy Walker. Judy Carruthers and her team from Port Perry Curling Club also placed third in their draw.

Many thanks to our sponsor, Mitch Stephen from TMS Services. Thanks to our servers who were very popular and very busy – Garth Krieger, Dave Chevrefils, Brian Hambly and Keith Clarkson. Del Watson, our drawmaster, certainly came clad in his Scottish ware.

The success of the bonspiel is the result of many helpful volunteers and individual/business donations. Jane Jaycock was instrumental in organizing all the prizes by creating stained glass pieces herself as well as baking all the cakes! She is a very talented person and a definite asset to our club.

Our ice technicians; Mitch Stephen, Doug Wagg and Garth Krieger, our drawmaster, Del Watson, and raffle



With "a little help from above," this team from Stroud won their first game and celebrated after at the Highland Lassie bonspiel held March 2 at the Haliburton Curling Club. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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Many thanks for a wonderful day. See you again next year.

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# minor hockey

## Midgets heading to Ontario finals

The Highland Storm Midgets are off to the Ontario finals against the Twin Centre Stars. The Storm took a 2-0 lead in the semi-final series against the Bancroft Jets. The Jets managed to hang in by winning Game 3, 3-1. It was a do or die game for the Jets and they rose to the occasion on home ice, March 7. They aggressively dominated the game and kept the Storm at bay. The only Storm goal was scored by Gilbert early in the third period, assisted by Walker and MacNaull.

Game 4 was played in Haliburton, March 9 and this time the Storm quieted the Jets from the start. They wasted no time and ignited the first period by taking a 3-0 lead. MacNaull brought the puck in with determination and found Robinson waiting in front of the net for the first goal. The next goal was a result of perfect positioning and passing. Give and go action between MacNaull and Gilbert, then to Robinson who found the opening. With just minutes left in the first period, Dollo rushed and blasted in the third goal. The second period was a battle. The Jets managed to sneak in a goal late in the period, however minutes later the Storm answered back. Robinson had an outstanding game and assisted the next goal with a pass to Smith, who was open and ready to snap it in. The Jets turned it up late in the second and closed the goal gap to 4-2. The intensity grew early in the third period, when the Jets scored, making

it a 4-3 game. It was a nail-biter all out period, with end to end action. Hats off to Robinson, who secured the win with the empty-netter goal, making it 5-3 and sending the Storm Midgets to the Ontario finals. An awesome job by all players for the victory.

By Suzanne Haedicke

## Novice Storm commended for season

The Haliburton TimberMart/Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp Novice Reps played their third game against the Sturgeon Lake Thunder on Thursday. The Storm was down four points in the series and needed to win to continue in the semi-finals.

The crowds were treated to a fast action game. In the first period, Evan Perrott put the first point on the board for the Storm, assisted by Max Rupnow. The Thunder wasn't able to retaliate until late in the second. In the third, the Thunder put in a second before Henry Neilson shot one in back-handed to tie the game, assisted by Perrott and Rupnow. The teams went into sudden death overtime. The Thunder managed to break away and score the winning goal, eliminating the Storm from the playoffs. The Storm played extraordinarily strong games, and should be proud of their effort.

Every player on the team is commended for their

achievement this year.

#4 Evan Perrott is an overall strong player, who comes through for the team when points are needed.

#5 Ethan DeCarlo is fantastic at holding the blue line and keeping the puck in the offensive zone.

#6 Jaxen Casey is an amazing back-checker, and keeps the puck out of his zone.

#8 Easton Burk is willing to fight hard for the puck and do what it takes to keep the puck away from the goaltender.

#10 Henry Neilson's back-hand shot intimidates all goaltenders.

#11 Isaac Trotter is fierce and boldly plows through all his competition.

#12 Matt Scheffee puck handles with skill, consistently moving the play up the ice.

#16 Luke Gruppe's speed allows him to chase down the competition.

#18 Max Rupnow is an incredible team player, constantly setting up plays.

#Jack Tomlinson is a strong defenceman with a killer slap shot.

#33 Carter Braun's goalie skills and passion for his position are unrivalled.

Congratulations to the whole team for their hard work, growth in the sport, and success this season!

By Sara Gruppe



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**JOB SUMMARY**

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- Strong administrative and organizational skills
- Budgeting and analytical skills
- Experience with managing multiple vendors and small capital projects
- Proficient in computer skills, specifically "NewViews"
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Mail: John du Manoir, Pres.-Staanworth Non-Profit Housing,  
44 Parkside St., Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Job Description available upon request.

SNPHC thanks all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Closing date for applications: April 1, 2019

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If you are interested in joining the HHHS team for the above position, please submit your resume in confidence to:

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[hr@hhhs.ca](mailto:hr@hhhs.ca)  
Fax: 705-457-4609  
[www.hhhs.ca](http://www.hhhs.ca)

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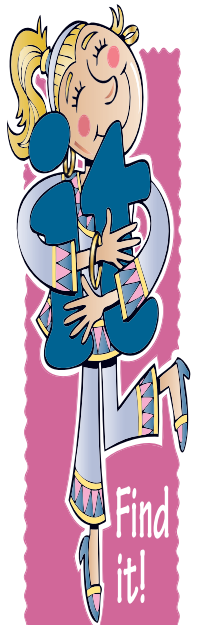


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The family of the late Aileen Peters would like to extend sincere thanks and appreciation for the many expressions of kindness, love and support since Aileen passed away on January 17th.

We are especially grateful for the compassionate care Aileen received at Haliburton Hospital and Highland Wood. Sincere thanks to Dr. Conway, family and friends for visits and phone calls, meals and other expressions of support.

Our thanks to Dwaine, Laurie, and staff at Haliburton Community Funeral Home. Aileen's Celebration of Life was made more memorable thanks to Pastor Bev Hicks, Rev Harry Morgan, Bill Gliddon and Glenda Burk.

**As Aileen would have said to everyone, "thanks a million".**

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## 650 OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of  
**Gordon James Dobson**

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Gordon James Dobson on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at the Extendicare, Haliburton, at the age of 90.

Loving husband to his wife Norma, father to David, Sharon and Linda, grandfather to Kevin, Russell, Colleen, Meagan, Graham, Andrea and great grandfather to Brooklyn, Walker, Benjamin and James. We know you are in great company and welcomed by our loved ones who have gone before us. See you on the other side.

It was Gord's wish for cremation and a Private Family Gathering will be held at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. [www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com](http://www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com)



## 650 OBITUARIES



**Joseph Leon Kronick,**  
**September 30, 1926 – March 10, 2019**

Joe was the youngest son of Gertie Willinsky and Sam Kronick. Joe was predeceased by siblings Miriam Horowitz, Moses Kronick and Leah Cohen.

Joe was a social work graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. After practicing group work in Chicago, Winnipeg and Toronto, he started a group-centered camp, called Camp White Pine, in 1956. He had the delight of knowing campers and staff from all over the world, many of whom have remained friends.

Joe had a profound sense of community and was on the board of Jewish Family and Child Services and Justice for Children. When the "Out of the Cold" program was initiated at Holy Blossom Temple, Joe was the night supervisor. Joe and Marvin Goodman founded Camp Towhee for children with learning disabilities, which evolved into the Integra Foundation, an innovative year-round program.

As well as loving dogs, good food, classical music, literature and socializing, Joe loved travel. At the age of 6 Joe sailed on the Berengaria to Gibraltar, Malta, Naples, Pompeii, Alexandria and Haifa, where he lived for 2 years. He was smitten by travel from that age onwards.

Joe is survived by his wife Doreen (Pape) Kronick, children Noah, Sarah and Adam, grandchildren, Jesse, Samantha, Taylor, Gabriella and Eugene, daughters-in-law Dana Zosky and Judy Sutton, and son-in-law Henry Erlichman. Joe will be missed by his sisters-in-law Barbara Stitt and Bonnie Soupcoff, and their husbands Bert Stitt and Murray Soupcoff.

If friends wish to make a donation please consider The Learning Disabilities Foundation of Canada, 20-2420 Bank Street, Ottawa, ON K1V 8S1 [www.ldac-acta.ca](http://www.ldac-acta.ca) or to Kensington Health, 25 Brunswick Avenue, Toronto, ON M5S 2L9 [www.kensingtonhealth.org](http://www.kensingtonhealth.org)

Service on Tuesday, March 12 at Holy Blossom Temple. Internment to follow at Holy Blossom Memorial Park. For Funeral and Shiva details please visit [www.benjaminsparkmemorialchapel.ca](http://www.benjaminsparkmemorialchapel.ca)





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# Planning reforms ignore local concerns

## County representatives criticize Sewell Report for prohibiting rural development

by JANET HURLEY  
Staff Reporter

Proposed reforms to Ontario's planning and development process ignore rural concerns and may prohibit future growth in Haliburton County, the Sewell Commission has been told.

Representatives from Haliburton County met with John Sewell, Toby Vigod and George Penfold of the Commission on Planning and Development

Reform in Lindsay last Thursday to express their concerns over the content of the commission's draft report.

"We believe there is a need to amend the Planning Act and we support provincial efforts to accomplish this task," said Warden Chris Hodgson. "However, County Council has concerns, like many other counties and county planners, that the interests of rural Ontario have not been adequately addressed."

The commission was appointed in June 1991 by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to recommend changes to the Planning Act. The draft report, released in December, articulates provincial goals and policies that incorporate environmental concerns, clarify the power relationships between levels of government, outline a greater municipal responsibility and suggests ways in which to speed up the decision-making process.

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PLANNING PUNCH: Several people traveled from Haliburton County to Lindsay last Thursday to make presentations to the Sewell Commission. Dysart et al Deputy-Reeve Curry Bishop told the commissioners that the planning reforms are too rigid for rural Ontario.

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## Hospital deficits the focus of budget audit

### Concerns have been raised over accounting practices, operational efficiencies and cuts

by MARTHA PERKINS  
Editor

Three independent auditors are going to go over the books of the Haliburton and Minden Hospitals to find out whether they are in fact operating at a deficit.

"There are concerns which continue to be raised by the public on various issues surrounding (the hospitals), including accounting practices and operational efficiencies," says Frank Lussing, executive director of St. Joseph's Hospital, which owns the two local hospitals. "We believe that the only way for these concerns to be put to rest is to have an objective, unbiased audit conducted by the Ministry of Health. The results will ensure that the Hospitals continue to be run as efficiently and effectively as possible."

Lussing has come under personal attack from both members of the public and MPP Dennis Drainville, who suspect that the local hospitals' combined deficits of approximately \$100,000 have been run up by St. Joseph's, which is in Peterborough, rather than by the two small hospitals. Lussing has denied this, and to distance himself from the budgetary concerns, asked the Ministry to conduct the independent operational audit. The Ministry agreed and is funding the review.

The three audit team members will review the overall decision-making process related to the Highlands hospitals and compare the operating plans with Ministry guidelines.

They will also review how budgets between the three hospitals are apportioned and comment on the appropriateness of the method. They will comment on whether it is advisable to establish separate budget recording mechanisms for the Highlands hospitals.

But the audit also has broader goals. Under an operations review, the auditors will compare the efficiencies of the two local hospitals — the smallest in

Ontario — with other satellite hospitals of comparable size and geographic location. If there are any opportunities for improved efficiencies, they will make recommendations, as long as they don't call for a reduction in patient programs and services.

Some services and staff are scheduled to be reduced at the Haliburton Hospital, and these proposals will be reviewed. Could adjustments be made that don't require any job losses, either within the hospitals or in relation to changes being made with the delivery of long-term healthcare?

Under the heading "revenues", the auditors will "review and make recommendations regarding"

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## School tries to ease destreaming anxiety

Changes will occur if board not ready to proceed

by JANET HURLEY  
Staff Reporter

The superintendent of the Haliburton County Board of Education has given his word that if by the end of the school year, staff and curriculum are not prepared for destreaming, the board will not proceed with the planned changes.

"If I gave any sense that the students will suffer, at the end of June, I'll delay it," Dale Robinson told a crowd of anxious parents at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School last Thursday. The parents of Grade 8 students met with administration and teachers to discuss the educational restructuring occurring at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School next year.

Robinson added that in the meantime, the staff and administration at HHSS will spend the next six months attempting to meet the changes set out by the Ministry of Education. The ministry is taking a new approach to Grades 7, 8, and 9, including the elimination of basic, general and advanced levels and the creation of heterogeneous classes in Grade 9. Destreaming — has received mixed reaction. While most agree with its philosophy of not labeling or streaming students at such a young age, the hasty process of its implementation has incited criticism. The former Minister of Education Tony Silpo mandated that all Grade 9 classrooms be destreamed by September and the rest of the curriculum changes in place by 1996. But after a recent cabinet shuffle, the new minister Dave Cooke, under pressure from parents and teachers federations, bowed to demands for flexibility. School boards that are not ready to proceed with destreaming in September can now apply for a one-year extension.

But that is an option the Haliburton board is not willing to take — yet.

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"My recommendation is to not apply for a delay," said Robinson. "There is a tremendous pile of work to do in the next three years. Destreaming is just the tip of the iceberg. We have a new document called The Common Curriculum. There are significant curriculum changes that have to happen in Grades 7, 8 and 9 by 1996. It is 3 1/2 years of work. If we ask for a delay, we'd have a month or two of uncertainty (while the ministry makes a decision), and we would have to compress the whole implementation process into three or two 1/2 years. And next year I would be standing in front of another group of Grade 8 parents explaining why we didn't have some of these things worked out already."

"We have six months before we have to start this and we can do a lot of work in six months."

Parents in attendance at the meeting were not so confident, especially since the high school staff is faced with other changes such as the semester system — which will divide the school year in half so students take four subjects one term and four subjects the next — and a new principal.

"What I see is a situation where there will be three new factors. You'll have to implement the semester system, destreaming

and you have a new management team. Aren't you spreading yourself a little thin?" asked Joel Lewis. "You have an option to delay. I assume you are not going to ask, but would it not be better for the board to ask and get approval rather than to shut the option off?"

"If at the end of June, we have a problem and the teachers can show us that we'll jeopardize the students' future, we'll make changes and we can do that locally," replied Robinson, a former HHSS principal.

Instead of delaying destreaming in all subjects, Robinson suggested that an option would be to allow departments that are not prepared for the changes to offer withdrawal groups for students who need extra help on certain topics.

"But something has triggered the minister to say, 'Caution,'" said one concerned parent. "It's nice to see you and the staff positive, but I'm concerned that if you don't (ask for a delay), my child is going to suffer...I feel very strongly that for the matter of one year, I'd rather see us take the time, to have the staff 100 per cent in there so that the students will get the full benefit."

Several parents voiced similar concerns over the proper training of the teachers and whether the teachers are fully behind the restructuring.

"Our staff is in a state of flux for about a month," said Gary Brohman, vice-principal of HHSS and chairman of the Transition Committee — a group set up by the school board to study the implications of the new educational system. "We have not done much work in the month of February. But since last week though, things are revving up. Within three weeks, they'll be feeling a lot better."

Peter Forgrave, principal of HHSS, noted that 90 per cent of the teachers who will be teaching Grade 9 next year, volunteered to take part in the process. Brohman told parents that the teachers are undergoing extensive professional development. A \$5,000 provincial grant has allowed teachers to prepare for destreaming by attending workshops at pilot project schools.

"I had (the Transition Committee) study destreaming"

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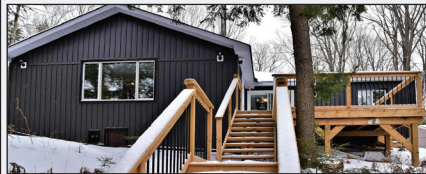
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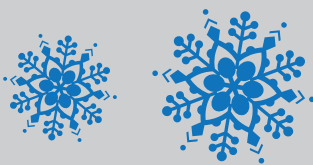
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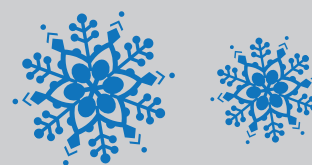
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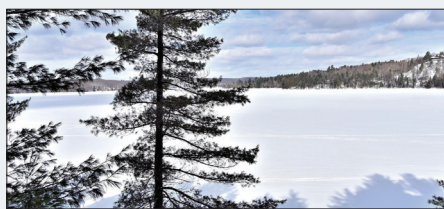
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